



Emerald & Amber Classes - Spring Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring Term - we hope that you find this a helpful overview of your child's learning this term. If there are any aspects of your child's learning that you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to your continued support.

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English



Topics to be covered this term include: non-fiction and narrative writing linked to our History topic of World War 2 and our Geography topic of Greece. We will be planning and writing a range of text types including non-chronological reports, recounts in the form of diary entries, information leaflets as well as exploring formal and informal writing.

We will continue to teach Year 5 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, in line with the new curriculum expectations.

How you can help - Reading comprehension is an important skill that we work on in our English sessions. Please encourage your child to read with you at home regularly and ask them questions about what they have read or they can retell events in their own words. Spelling and grammar is fundamental to progress in writing and we would appreciate your support in helping your children learn their weekly spellings.

Maths



Our learning will continue to cover work on place value, decimals and percentages. We will also be looking at measures, geometry and statistics. We will be applying our knowledge to a range of questions in order to develop children's fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills. Children will continue to practise their basic maths skills through the Assertive Mentoring initiative and Maths Club.

How you can help - Mental arithmetic and secure knowledge of times tables can help the children in many areas of mathematics. We strongly believe that children would benefit from regular practice to ensure efficient recall of number facts.

Topic

Our topics this term will include:

- World War 2
- Living Things & their Habitats
- A geographical study of Greece
- Forces

The children will also have weekly Computing, PSHE, RE, Values and Spanish lessons.

Homework



The children will receive homework once a week on Fridays unless it is a half-term project. These tasks will be English, Maths or topic based that will need to be completed by the following Thursday.

Spellings will be handed out on Monday with the spelling test carried out on Friday.

PE



PE will consist of a range of sports both indoors and outdoors. It is essential that children are well equipped for this important and fun part of our curriculum. Children should have an outdoor and indoor PE kit. For outdoor PE activities, children are encouraged to bring warm clothing (e.g. jogging/tracksuit trousers). Please help your child to remember their kit.